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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 10/05/04

Atty. Docket No.  
**VIGN1410**

Applicant <b>Robin D. Wilson et al.</b>	
Application Number <b>09/989,814</b>	Date Filed <b>11/20/2001</b>
Title <b>Hierarchical Asset Sharing Model</b>	
Group Art Unit <b>2178</b>	Examiner <b>Paula, Cesar B.</b>
Confirmation Number: <b>1585</b>	

Commissioner for Patents  
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In response to the Official Action mailed October 5, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner reconsider the rejections of the Claims in view of the this reply.